cases of fraud in the State Bank of Indore, Chandni Chowk, branch Delhi during the period from 1978 to June, 1986; if so, what action has since been taken against the culprits who were involved in the bank fraud amounting to crores of rupees;

(b) whether the Head Clerk, who had refused to be a party in the fraud and was transferred to a far flung area in Madhya Pradesh in order to penalise him had since been reverted to his original post; and

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor and by when Head Clerk is likely to be reinstated in order to save his family from starvation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) State Bank of Indore has reported that no fraud amounting to crores of rupees occurred at its Chandni Chowk, Delhi branch.

(b) and (c) State Bank of Indore has reported that for meeting administrative requirements one Head Clerk has been transferred from Bank's Chandni Chowk, Delhi branch to Raghogarh in the same capacity. The Bank has further reported that instead of joining at Raghogarh, the Head Clerk has filed a case with the Assistant Labour Commissioner (Central), Delhi, raising industrial dispute, which is pending. As regards his reinstatement, the Bank has stated that since the official is not under suspension, the question of re-instating him does not arise.

Value of Rupee

625. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the value of the rupee at all India level in January, 1987 and March, 1987; and

(b) the details of the rupee value at major cities i.e. Madras, Bombay, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kanpur, Ahmedabad, Jaipur and Nagpur in January 1987 and in March 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The purchasing power of the rupee measured as a reciprocal of the All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (Base 1960 = 100) has increased from 14.53 paise in January, 1987 to 14.58 paise in February, 1987 (latest available).

(b) The centre-wise details regarding the Consumer Price Index are available only upto January, 1987 and are given below:—

Centre-wise value of rupees for the month of January, 1987

Major City/Centre	Index for Jan. 1987	Value of Rupee
Madras	706	14.16 paise
Bombay	738	13.55 paise
Delhi	716	13.97 paise
Hyderabad	695	14.39 paise
Kanpur	674	14.84 paise
Ahmedabad	678	14.75 paise
Jaipur	689	14.51 paise
Nagpur	678	14.75 paise
All India	688	14.53 paise